

Town of Orford
Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes June 8, 2024

Members Present: Brenda Smith, David Smith, Linda Pease
Others Present: Chase Kling, Selectboard Representative, Seth Carter, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Claudia Tracy

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brenda, seconded by David to accept the minutes of May 11, 2024. Motion passed 3/0.

Updates

Dame Hill Cemetery tree removal. Orford Cemetery Commissioners approved an estimate of \$2,500 for tree removal. Motion passed 3/0.

Contact Mr. Siemons to have him sign off on a permission slip (available at the Selectmen's office) to go on his land to remove trees that are hanging over into the Dame Hill Cemetery.

Report from Seth Carter, Trustee of the Trust Funds

“Cemetery perpetual care income may not be used for general cemetery maintenance or cemetery improvement. Cemetery perpetual care funds are valid charitable trusts, and the income is therefore restricted for use on the lot or lots upon which the fund has been placed.” See Opinion of the Justices, 101 NH 531 (1957).

Discussion of Seth's report: Because perpetual care funds cannot be used for tree removals, the Orford Cemetery Commissioners need to look at other funding sources, i.e. what are other funding sources other towns use. We agreed to contact the NH Cemetery Association to inquire as to what other towns use for funding.

Motion made by Brenda, seconded by David to adjourn the meeting at 9:10am. Motion passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pease